

REMARKS

Applicants hereby request further examination of the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

In accordance with Paragraph 1 of the Detailed Action, Applicants hereby affirm election for the invention claims of Group I for examination and withdraw claim 63.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 14-16, 19-24, 44-46, 55-56, and 59-60, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by **Greenberg et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,054,227)**. Applicant respectfully withdraws these claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 47, 48, and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by **Athey at al (U.S. Publication no. 2003/0235720)**. Applicant respectfully withdraws these claims.

Claim Objections

It is submitted that claims 17-18, 25-26, 49, 57-58, and 61-62, as now amended, overcome the Examiner's objection. These claims have been rewritten as per the Examiner's instructions. The objection being overcome, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

CONCLUSION

In view of all the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections and objections are overcome, and that applicants' claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore earnestly solicit allowance of thereof, and the issue of U.S. letters patent therefore.

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